

**What are the steps for disposal of an abandoned vehicle by a garage keeper?**

1. The garage keeper shall notify, by certified mail, last know registered owner of the vehicle to reclaim vehicle within 10 days of notice.
2. On or after the eleventh day, garage keeper shall report vehicle as abandoned to the police authority.
3. If the abandoned vehicle lacks an engine, 2 or more wheels or structural parts, which renders the vehicle totally inoperable, the police authority is not required to send notice and shall give the applicant the Certificate of Disposal of an Abandoned Vehicle Form 411163 (backside of form properly completed).
4. Police authority may take vehicle into custody and sell as an abandoned vehicle at public auction.
5. The proceeds of the sale shall first be applied to the garage keepers charges for towing and storage and any profit shall be reported to the department on Abandoned Vehicle Report, Form 411090 within 90 days after the sale.
6. If the garage keeper does not request the police authority to take vehicle into custody as an abandoned vehicle, the garage keeper may, under the laws of this state, file an affidavit of artisan lien or storage lien to satisfy the garage keeper's charges for service, repair, maintenance or towing of the motor vehicle.

NOTE: A private property owner may employ a "private entity" without a police authority's involvement. This does not affect the private entity's garage keeper's lien.